
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§269- Electronic documents. (a) No later than
5 January 1, 2012, the public utilities commission shall accept
6 any filing or application submitted pursuant to this chapter as
7 either a conventional paper document or an electronic document.
8 If a signature is required on any filing or application
9 submitted electronically, that requirement shall be satisfied
10 for an electronic document by the inclusion of an electronic
11 signature. Chapter 489E shall apply to all electronic documents
12 submitted pursuant to this section.

13 (b) For the purposes of this section, the following shall
14 constitute acceptable means of submitting electronic documents:

15 (1) Completion of an internet-based form provided by the
16 commission on the commission's website;



1 (2) Submission of information through an internet-based
2 submission system developed and maintained by the
3 commission;

4 (3) Submission to the commission of a CD-R, CD-RW, or
5 similar data storage device containing documents in
6 the form of portable document format files;

7 (4) Submission to the commission of a portable data
8 storage device or similar technology with a universal
9 serial bus interface containing documents in the form
10 of portable document format files; or

11 (5) Submission to an electronic mail address designated
12 and maintained by the commission of an electronic mail
13 message with documents attached in the form of
14 portable document format files.

15 (c) The commission may assess an electronic document
16 surcharge of \$ _____ for the purpose of recouping the cost
17 of accepting electronic documents for each electronic document
18 submitted pursuant to this section.

19 (d) The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
20 91 to effectuate the purposes of this section; provided that
21 notwithstanding the requirements of chapter 91, the commission
22 shall permit submission of electronic documents through at least



1 one means identified in subsection (b) no later than January 1,
2 2012."

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 271, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§271- _____ **Electronic documents.** (a) No later than
7 January 1, 2012, the commission shall accept any filing or
8 application submitted pursuant to this chapter as either a
9 conventional paper document or an electronic document. If a
10 signature is required on any filing or application submitted
11 electronically, that requirement shall be satisfied for an
12 electronic document by the inclusion of an electronic signature.
13 Chapter 489E shall apply to all electronic documents submitted
14 pursuant to this section.

15 (b) For the purposes of this section, the following shall
16 constitute acceptable means of submitting electronic documents:

- 17 (1) Completion of an internet-based form provided by the
18 commission on the commission's website;
19 (2) Submission of information through an internet-based
20 submission system developed and maintained by the
21 commission;



1 (3) Submission to the commission of a CD-R, CD-RW, or
2 similar data storage device containing documents in
3 the form of portable document format files;

4 (4) Submission to the commission of a portable data
5 storage device or similar technology with a universal
6 serial bus interface containing documents in the form
7 of portable document format files; or

8 (5) Submission to an electronic mail address designated
9 and maintained by the commission of an electronic mail
10 message with documents attached in the form of
11 portable document format files.

12 (c) The commission may assess an electronic document
13 surcharge of \$ for the purpose of recouping the cost
14 of accepting electronic documents for each electronic document
15 submitted pursuant to this section.

16 (d) The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
17 91 to effectuate the purposes of this section; provided that
18 notwithstanding the requirements of chapter 91, the commission
19 shall permit submission of electronic documents through at least
20 one means identified in subsection (b) no later than January 1,
21 2012."



1 SECTION 3. Chapter 271G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§271G- Electronic documents. (a) No later than
5 January 1, 2012, the commission shall accept any filing or
6 application submitted pursuant to this chapter as either a
7 conventional paper document or an electronic document. If a
8 signature is required on any filing or application submitted
9 electronically, that requirement shall be satisfied for an
10 electronic document by the inclusion of an electronic signature.
11 Chapter 489E shall apply to all electronic documents submitted
12 pursuant to this section.

13 (b) For the purposes of this section, the following shall
14 constitute acceptable means of submitting electronic documents:

15 (1) Completion of an internet-based form provided by the
16 commission on the commission's website;

17 (2) Submission of information through an internet-based
18 submission system developed and maintained by the
19 commission;

20 (3) Submission to the commission of a CD-R, CD-RW, or
21 similar data storage device containing documents in
22 the form of portable document format files;



1 (4) Submission to the commission of a portable data
2 storage device or similar technology with a universal
3 serial bus interface containing documents in the form
4 of portable document format files; or

5 (5) Submission to an electronic mail address designated
6 and maintained by the commission of an electronic mail
7 message with documents attached in the form of
8 portable document format files.

9 (c) The commission may assess an electronic document
10 surcharge of \$ _____ for the purpose of recouping the cost
11 of accepting electronic documents for each electronic document
12 submitted pursuant to this section.

13 (d) The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
14 91 to effectuate the purposes of this section; provided that,
15 notwithstanding the requirements of chapter 91, the commission
16 shall permit submission of electronic documents through at least
17 one means identified in subsection (b) no later than January 1,
18 2012."

19 SECTION 4. Section 269-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 "**[+]§269-93 Achieving portfolio standard.[+]** (a) An
22 electric utility company and its electric utility affiliates may



1 aggregate their renewable portfolios [~~in order~~] to achieve the
2 renewable portfolio standard.

3 (b) If an electric utility company and its electric
4 utility affiliates aggregate their renewable portfolios to
5 achieve the renewable portfolio standard, the public utilities
6 commission may distribute, apportion, or allocate the costs and
7 expenses of all or any portion of the respective renewable
8 portfolios among the electric utility company and its electric
9 utility affiliates as is reasonable under the circumstances.

10 (c) An electric utility company may recover, through an
11 automatic adjustment clause, the electric utility company's
12 revenue requirement resulting from the distribution,
13 apportionment, or allocation of the costs and expenses of the
14 renewable portfolios of the electric utility company and its
15 electric utility affiliates.

16 (d) To provide for timely recovery of the revenue
17 requirement under subsection (c), the commission may establish a
18 separate automatic rate adjustment clause, or approve the use of
19 a previously approved automatic rate adjustment clause, without
20 a rate case filing. The use of the automatic rate adjustment
21 clause to recover the revenue requirement shall be allowed to



1 continue until the revenue requirement is incorporated in rates
2 in the respective electric utility company's rate case."

3 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Public Utilities; Electronic Filing; Renewable Portfolio Standard

Description:

Directs the Public Utilities Commission to accept filings and applications electronically no later than January 1, 2012. Allows use of automatic rate adjustment clause to meet revenue requirement when electric utility company and its electric utility subsidiaries aggregate their renewable portfolios to meet renewable portfolio standards. (SB1347 HD1)

The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.

